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BODY LANGUAGE OF FRENCH, OTHERS

TOPIC OF LECTURE AT UM FEB. 16

Tie a Frenchman's hands behind his back and he won't be able to talk. Anyone who has listened to a French person, with all the hand-waving and gestures, would probably agree with that old saying.

"French Body Talk or Non-Verbal Communication" is the title of a special University of Montana lecture that will discuss how non-verbal communications evolve and cross cultural barriers.

Dr. Laurence Wylie, a professor emeritus at Harvard University, will deliver the free public lecture at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the UM University Center Montana Rooms 361. The lecture will be in English.

Wylie is a noted authority on French culture and civilization who served as a cultural attache in the U.S. Embassy in Paris and is a Guggenheim fellow. He has taught at several universities and written a number of books about French culture. One book, "Beaux Gestes," is a pictorial guide to French body talk.

According to Dr. Roman Zylawy, associate professor of French at UM, Wylie is a dynamic and captivating speaker who will be both informative and entertaining.

The lecture is sponsored by the Associated Students of UM Programming office, the Montana Committee for the Humanities and the UM French language section.

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